

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Tuesday, November 29, 2005 9:00 a.m. Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative LaJoy, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Meyer, Casperson, Nitz, Moore, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Murphy, Kathleen Law, Hood III, Gleason. (15/17)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Wenke, Leland. (2/17)

Representative Meyer made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of November 8, 2005, supported by Representative Casperson. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid SB 161 before the Committee.

SB 161 Allen Natural resources; other; operation of snowmobiles; allow on rights-of-way of limited access highways.

Joe Agostinelli, representing Senator Allen, spoke to the Committee regarding SB 161.

Bill Manson, representing the Michigan Snowmobile Association, spoke in support of SB 161.

Brad Williams, representing the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), spoke in support of SB 161.

Matt Green, representing the Michigan Restaurant Association, submitted a card indicating support for SB 161.

Representative Casperson made a motion to report SB 161 with recommendation, supported by Representative Moore.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Meyer, Casperson, Nitz, Moore, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Murphy, Hood. (13/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (13/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

The Chair laid HB 4367 and HB 4368 before the Committee.

HB 4367 Wenke	Crimes; other; adult over the legal alcohol limit riding with a driver fulfilling his or her graduated driver license program requirement; prohibit.
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HB 4368 Wenke	Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for crime of accompanying a probationary driver while under influence of alcohol or controlled substance or while ability to operate a vehicle is impaired; enact.
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Richard Barclay, representing the House Republican Policy Staff, spoke to the Committee on behalf of Representative Wenke. Stuart Dunnings, Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, also addressed the Committee in support of the bills.

Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair laid HB 5170 before the Committee.

HB 5170 Nitz	Traffic control; civil infraction procedures; driver's responsibility law; revise to exclude certain minors.
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Representative Nitz spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5170 and answered questions for Committee members.

Representative Gleason made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Hood. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair LaJoy declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:10 a.m.

Representative Philip LaJoy, Chair

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